

Pocahontas County has two favorite sons in the Sharp twins George and Summers H. Sharp, who were born near Frost this county in 1877 working their way through school by working in the lumber camps after completing their schooling George worked himself into a political career so in 1908 he was elected as Circuit Clerk for Pocahontas County, serving in that capacity ^{till} 1920 when he was elected Secretary of State in this capacity he served three terms or till 1932. Summers H. Sharp practiced law in the town of Marlinton and in 1916 he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Judge Dice as Circuit Judge *for* *Assembly, Monroe & Pocahontas* and upon completion of this term he was elected as Judge for three consecutive terms or until 1936 when he declined to ~~run~~ for judge but offered himself for the office of Governor of the State Of West Virginia on the *R*epublican ticket but was unsuccessful and since that time has been practicing law in Pocahontas and the surrounding counties, along with his law practice he is President of the Pendleton County Bank of Franklin. West Virginia Pendleton County, this bank formally operated in the town of Marlinton as The Farmers And Merchants Bank of Marlinton.

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Money raised to run our county government from the time of the formation of the county was by levy and this levy had to be voted on and passed favorably by the population of the county the following is a list of the levys' of Pocahontas County from 1880 to 1889 for 1880 \$5,637.00 81-this was 36 cts on each 100.00 valuation of property of each property holder, 81-8938.00 or a raise in the rate to 55 cts on the hundred dollars, 82- 6607.00 and 40 cts on the hundred, 83-6, 183.00 33 cts in 1884 the levy was for 6,425.00 and the rate was 35 cts for 85- 6,467.00 and the same rate as the year before for 86- 6,225.00 and the rate cut to 34 cts but this was a low for a few years for in the year of 87- it raised to 7,875.00 and the rate at 40 cts for 88- 6,849. rate 37 cts and for 89 - 5,875.00 the rate 33 1/3 most of the variation was for the care of the unfortunate of the county in one way or another.

It was in the year of 1880 that a committee was appointed to examine the jail at Huntersville and they decided it was not a safe place to hold prisoners so it was decided by the court to send our prisoners to the Greenbrier County jail but after some investigation on the part of our county officials the order was revoked and our jail ordered rebuilt to the lowest responsible bidder and he was Samuel Strong of Northumberland County Virginia for \$ 4,440.00 this took place while Levi Gay was Sheriff of this county.

The County Court of Pocahontas County from 1881 to 1897 were as follows for 81 William Curry, Sherman H. Clark and Samuel B. Hannah, this serlot of men served until 1885 when George P. Moore replaced William Curry, but in 1888 C. E Beard replaced Sherman H. Clark, the court of 91 was C. E Beard, S. B Hannah, and George M. Kee. For 92 Amos Barlow replaced S. B Hannah, this body of men served until 97 and this court consisted of the following gentlemen C. E Beard, Amos Barlow and John R. Warwick.

John J Beard who served as clerk of the County Court for quite sometime also served as Circuit Clerk besides his routine work he had to keep up a jury list also record all deeds and in the 80s they recorded as we do today the one doing the selling is the grantor while the one receiving the property is known as the grantee.

The toll house at Academy now Hillsboro having served its purpose for considerable time was sold in 1880 to R. V Hill. At this same time Levi Cey was elected Sheriff, John C. McLaughlin Assessor, George Baxter surveyor of lands, and Daniel Stoffer as Prosecuting Attorney.

At each election the question of power to levy was voted on by the people of Pocahontas County, for it was this power that the court had to levy the levy that raised the money that they operated the county on. It was in the year of 1879 that Samuel B. Hannah served as County Superintendent